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Assemblymember Mullin & Supervisor Tissier To Host 20th Annual Seniors on the Move



Photo by Mark Nagales

Assemblymember Mullin and San Mateo County Supervisor Adrienne Tissier with several members of the *Seniors on the Move* steering committee.

BY SARAH PHELPS
FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

On October 17, Assemblymember Mullin, in conjunction with San Mateo County Supervisor Adrienne Tissier, will be hosting the 20th Annual *Seniors on the Move* conference, which will be held at the South San Francisco Conference Center. Former State Senator Jackie Speier began the conference in 1987, the first year she served in the California State Legislature. "Supervisor Tissier and I are delighted to continue the tradition started by Senator

Speier," Mullin said. "We are looking forward to putting on an exciting event."

A committee of senior volunteers plans *Seniors on the Move*, and the conference is free to participants. An expected 600 seniors from all over San Mateo County are scheduled to attend. Speakers at the conference will include: former newscaster Fred LaCrosse, KTVU reporter Tom Vacar, KRON personality Jan Wahl, and radio personality Joe McConnell will be reprising his role as emcee. There will also be a panel to discuss various health-

care topics as well as representatives from State Controller John Chiang's office to discuss topics such as their Unclaimed Property and Property Tax Postponement programs.

Seniors wishing to attend should look for the registration flyers at their local senior center between the middle and the end of August. No phone reservations will be taken. If you desire any further information regarding *Seniors on the Move*, please call the District Office at (650) 349-1900.

Local Festival Celebrates Partnership and Friendship



Photo by Amy Lam

Field representative Mark Nagales (second from the right) participates with local officials and Filipino dignitaries in the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Filipino-American Friendship Celebration.

BY MARK NAGALES

FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

Earlier this month, an estimated 4,000 people attended the 13th Annual Filipino-American Friendship Celebration. The festival was organized by the Daly City-Quezon City Sister City Committee and the City of Daly City to raise money for students in Daly City and the sister cities of Quezon and Bohol. The

festival included fun-filled activities for the entire family, lively musical and dance performances, and delicious Filipino cuisine.

Daly City is considered to be the home of one of the largest Filipino-American communities in the United States. To acknowledge this successful festival, Assemblymember Mullin provided a certificate of honor to Rollie

Lavarias, President of the Daly City-Quezon City Sister City Committee for their outstanding commitment towards strengthening the bond between the American and Filipino cultures. In a true showing of partnership, local officials joined several Filipino dignitaries by celebrating the opening ceremonies of the festival with a ceremonial ribbon cutting.

Homeowner and Renter Assistance Program Offers Tax Refunds

Homeowners Assistance Program: This program allows a once-a-year payment from the State of California to qualified individuals based on part of the property taxes assessed and paid on their homes. For the 2007 claim year, the maximum amount of assistance that an eligible homeowner may receive is **\$472.60**.

Who is eligible for homeowner assistance? You may be eligible to file a 2007 claim for homeowner assistance if you were one of the following on December 31, 2006:

- 62 years of age or older, blind, or disabled,
- You owned and lived in your own home on December 31, 2006,
- You had a total household income of \$42,770 or less in 2006.

Renters Assistance Program: This program allows a once-a-year payment from the State of California to qualified individuals based on part of the property taxes that they paid indirectly when they paid their rent. For the 2007 claim year, the maximum amount of assistance that an eligible renter may receive is **\$347.50**.

Who is eligible for renter assistance? You may be eligible to file a 2007 claim for renter assistance if you were one of the following on December 31, 2006:

- 62 years of age or older, blind, or disabled,
- You lived in a qualified rented residence in California in 2006,
- You paid \$50 or more rent per month on that residence,
- You had a total household income of \$42,770 or less in 2006.

The filing period for the Homeowner and Renter Assistance claims are from July 2, 2007 - October 15, 2007. You can reach the Franchise Tax Board at (800) 868-4171 to hear pre-recorded answers to many Homeowner and Renter Assistance Questions, order claim forms, or check the status of assistance payments. You may also access this information by visiting the Franchise Tax Board website at www.ftb.ca.gov. Please contact my office if you have any further questions about this program or need further assistance with your claim.

Planning for the Next Disaster

If a disaster occurred, would you be prepared? Emergencies happen, and whether they are extreme storms, earthquakes, wildfires or even floods, being prepared is the key to mitigating the damage and injury that could potentially follow. Having an emergency preparedness plan could reduce the harm a future disaster could cause.

Here are three main steps to help prepare you for future emergencies:

Be Informed – Knowing the potential emergencies and risks can help you respond

appropriately to the situation and take action to avoid or reduce future loss.

Get a Kit – It is best to think about the necessities for survival, which are food, water, clean air and warmth. For a basic survival kit, be sure to have non-perishable food, clean water, flashlights, batteries, warm clothing, a first aid kit, available cash, matches, and a wrench to turn off utilities.

Make a Plan – Emergencies strike at any time, so it is critical to devise a plan that ensures how your family will

contact one another, how you will meet, and what should be done in different situations. Distribute an emergency information card among family members with basic information that outlines where you will meet and people to contact if disaster strikes.

Protect yourself by being prepared for emergencies, as they can strike at any given moment. Please contact your local authorities to learn more about an emergency preparedness plan or contact my office if I can provide further assistance.

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National Night Out

On August 7th, more than 11,000 communities across the country will be celebrating the 24th Annual National Night Out, sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-

community partnerships; and

- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Traditional community activities for National Night Out have included turning on porch lights and having front porch vigils. However, activities have expanded considerably over time to include block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from

police, festivals, neighborhood walks, safety fairs, contests, rallies and meetings. I encourage all residents to work in partnership with their local enforcement agency to ensure a safer community.

To learn more about National Night Out or to register your community, please visit www.nationalnightout.org. Let's make National Night Out 2007 a safe and memorable event.

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